

# Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



## Staff Direction to Make Operational the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Guidance

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## Implementation of BRTF Guidance

- The MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) directed MLPA Initiative staff to make operational its guidance in the process design for Round 2
- Staff has developed instructions for the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSG)
  - Consistent with BRTF guidance
  - Designed to achieve SCRSG charge



## Round 2 – Direction to SCRSG

- **BRTF Guidance**

- Create cross-interest draft marine protected area (MPA) proposals

- **Staff Direction**

- Continue with existing cross-interest work groups
- Each work group will work to develop a single, cross-interest draft MPA proposal
  - Incorporate interests of all members in a work group (consumptive and non-consumptive)
- Focus on identifying interests within groups and options for tradeoffs across the array of MPAs



## Round 2 – Direction to SCRSG

- **BRTF Observation**

- Round 1 draft arrays explored a range of options (information gathering)

- **Staff Direction**

- Identify the most successful ideas that emerged
- Look to integrate ideas from Round 1 work group “A” and “B” arrays



## Round 2 – Direction to SCRSG

- **BRTF Guidance**

- Forward no more than five or six draft MPA proposals for Round 2 evaluation

- **Staff Direction**

- At end of Round 2, SCRSG will identify which draft MPA proposals will move forward for evaluation (May 21)
- Allows option for having revised external MPA proposals move forward for Round 2 evaluation
- Gems group Round 1 “A” and “B” arrays help identify the range of options (potential “zone of agreement”)
- Each work group to engage in cross-interest dialogue to creatively search for a workable “middle” proposal



## Round 2 – Direction to SCRSG

- **BRTF Guidance**

- Focus on middle ground solutions

- **Staff Direction**

- Recall that Round 2 proposals are still “draft”
- Provide input, although work group members are not required to “support” their draft MPA proposals
- Round 2 is a key opportunity to forward creative MPA solutions to evaluate tradeoffs
- Round 3:
  - Intent is to allow SCRSG members to “self-select” into work groups to work on the proposal of their choice
  - Round 3 work group participants expected to “support” the Round 3 “final SCRSG MPA proposals”



## Round 2 – Direction to SCRSG

Round 2:

Shift from idea exploration to  
“joint problem solving”



## Consistent with Ground Rules

### **SCRSG Charge and Ground Rules**

- Responsibility
  - Capable of working collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interests of a broad range of constituencies
- Participation and Collaboration
  - Participants will strive to integrate each other's ideas, perspectives and interests
  - Participants will work to satisfy not only their interests but those of other SCRSG members
- Commitment to the process
  - Good faith effort to achieve the goals of the project within the identified schedule





## How to Begin Round 2 Discussions

- Start by examining which MPAs from Round 1 best met the various guidelines at key geographies
- Then, work groups divide into sub-groups, organized by bioregion (north mainland, south mainland, islands)
  - Sub-groups charged with developing initial recommendations/potential solutions
- Sub-groups report back to full work group, followed by group discussion
- Plan next steps for May 20 work session



## Discussion

### **BRTF Guidance and Staff Direction**

- Clarifying questions
- SCRSG member reflections